# VALE NEWS

Value All Learners Equally

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Please remember that tomorrow is D-Day (Donation Day) for the summer fayre**. The children should wear their school uniform as normal and Friends of the Vale would be most grateful to receive a donation, as suggested below, towards the fayre which is on Friday 8th July.

| Year Group | Suggested Donations |
|---|---|
| Early Years | New party bag style novelties (multi packs would be greatly appreciated that can be used as small prizes for stalls |
| Years 1 & 2 | Non-perishable summer picnic / hamper items such as:<br>Olives, nuts, crackers / breadsticks, luxury crisps / sweets, biscuits, preserves, marinades, relishes, salad dressings<br>Picnic ware, napkins, summer outdoor games |
| Year 3 & 4 | Wrapped sweets, soft drinks, tins, sauces such as ketchup, relishes, BBQ sauces, salad dressings |
| Year 5 | New items that can be used for prizes e.g. marbles, top trumps, nail varnish seets, hair clips, children's stationary sets |
| Year 6 & 7 | Bottles (wine, beer, soft drinks) |

**In-service Date**

A reminder that the school is closed for in-service training on **Thursday 30th June 2011**. We will have the dates for next Year's INSET days in July and will inform you of these dates then.

**Teachers' Industrial Action**

As you will be aware from the media, some colleagues in both the NUT and ATL teacher unions will be taking industrial action on Thursday 30th June. This is an INSET day here at Vale School, set aside for staff training. The teachers who are taking industrial action will not be attending the training day.

If unions continue with industrial action in the future, the school will have to consider the best course of action to ensure pupils are safe. This may mean that some classes or even the whole school may have to close in the future.

The decision to close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but the children's well-being and safety must come first. I am aware that school closures inconvenience parents and will endeavour to keep you informed of any future dates. Thank you for your patience and understanding. I have enclosed a copy of an open letter sent by all the main Teacher Unions which outlines the key issues that face teachers at this time.

**Annual Report / Opportunity to Meet New Teacher**

Your child's annual report will be sent home on **Tuesday 5th July**. If having read the report and visited your child's teacher on 6th July you require an appointment to discuss a specific issue in the report, please contact the school.

All the children will spend time with their new teacher and classmates on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th July. The teachers will be available until 5.00 p.m. on this day to give you the opportunity to visit the classes and meet your child's new teacher. This time is earlier than in previous years as we are aware that, as it is transfer day, the high schools arrange evening meetings for parents of children starting secondary school in September.

**Team Photographs**
Team photographs are still on display in the school entrance with order forms. Order forms for the class and year 7 leavers' photographs should be returned to school as soon as possible please.

**Uniform**
We still have samples of the new school uniform in the school entrance. Please feel free to come and have a look.

Please can we remind you to ensure your child has a coat at school every day as we do aim to send the children out to play even if it is wet.

**Children's Parade by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Daisley**
Year 5 has been working industriously over the past few weeks to prepare our entry for the Worthing Children's Parade. On the day, over 50 children from the school and many parents joined 16 other schools in an amazing celebration. The weather was kind to us and the town was filled with colour and music. Thank you to all of year 5 for their hard work and a special thank you to all the children and parents who supported the school on the day. A final special thank you to Mr. Rogers for carrying the rocket!

**Update following Police Warning Last Week**
We notified you last week of an incident where a man had given money to two of our pupils on their way to school. The elderly gentleman has been identified as living locally and harmless. He has been visited by the police who have explained to him that such gestures, although meant well, are not appropriate.

**Sporting News**
**2 Week Sports Event – 20th June – 1st July by Mrs. Webb**
Our two-week sporting extravaganza is going very well and the many sporting activities on offer are being enjoyed by all the children. We have had a team of reporters covering all events so far. Please log on to: www.valeschool.primaryblogger.co.uk

It would be great if you could comment on the blogs written by our year 7 pupils. We would love to know what you think.

On Friday 1st July we will be holding a closing ceremony where we will be celebrating the achievements of the pupils over the previous two weeks. To coincide with this we are holding a mufti day where pupils are asked to wear clothes in the colour of their house. A donation of £1 will be gratefully received which will be used to fund new sports equipment, clubs and kit. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Sporting Success by Mr. Todd**
A busy time for the Vale cricket teams has seen success on both fronts. The girls won their kwik cricket first round, with the B team coming 3rd (only missing out on 2nd on runs scored). The next stage of this is the county final - on Monday 27th June at Blackstone, where the girls will be trying to progress to the regionals.

Only yesterday, the boys team emulated this success, with the A team winning their first round too! The B team finished a great third, with both teams surprising Mr Todd with how well they played! Their next round is Wednesday 29th June.

The girls involved were: Ella Bourne, Ellie Botting, Phoebe Oborne, Skye Duplock, Hannah Truss, Lauryn Foord, Grace Piper, Lauren Rippon, Amy Little, Tammy Davidson, Claire Bond, Cydney Tang, Sophia Beaumont, Georgia Smith, Shania Clement, Natalya Fisher & Eve McKernan.

Boys: Max Tozer, Oliver Dengate, Ben Colburn, Jacob Brindle, Myles Cooper, Jamie Ward, Scott Slaughter, Sam Edgoose, Louis Gwennap, Harry Hepburn, Harvey Cairns, Matthew Votta, Gus Tosey, Kian Daisley, Will Hollands, Bradley Fredericks, Isaac Close, Kavan Sahota, Jordan Houston & Callum Honess.

**Year 3 Boys Friendly Football Match by Mrs. Pinn**
On 9th June the new year 3 football team, coached by Jody Cuthbert and Graham Pinn, played their first ever competitive match away against English Martyrs School. The team played brilliantly and won 4-0, with goals scored by Harry Cuthbert, Reece Gasson and Aaron Baker (scored two)! Well done boys.

**Parentmail**
Please can we encourage parents who have not yet signed up to Parentmail, to do so? We are aware that not everyone has access to emails at home and if this is the case, we would ask you to sign up to at least receive text messages which enables us to get urgent information to all parents quickly. A form is available from the school office. Can we also take this opportunity to remind parents to log onto their Parentmail account and update mobile/email contacts when their details change.

**Extra-Curricula Activities on Offer**
**Angmering School Summer Basketball Camp**
The Angmering School are hosting a Summer Basketball camp from 25th – 29th July for boys and girls aged 8-15 years led by head coach Daniel Hildreth. The camp will consist of skill instruction, competitions, question and answer sessions and prizes. The camp will run from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and costs £75. To book a place contact them on 07834 828417 or email dhcoaching@yahoo.co.uk.

**Angmering Gymnastics**
Angmering School of Gymnastics has been established for 16 years and runs from its own facility within Angmering School. We offer 24 hours of gymnastics per week catering for children who want to come along for fun to those that want to compete at County and Regional level. Our coaches are all British Gymnastics qualified, hold enhanced CRB checks and have completed a safeguarding course. We take children from 3 years, run a hugely popular teenage session, offer boys' gymnastics, cheerleading, rising 5s and baby gym and our fees are probably the cheapest around too! Come along and have a look – new classes starting in September. For a free trial please call 07935212428.

**Flipitas Gymnastics**
New general gymnastics club for boys and girls of all ages. Every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Durrington Middle School. For further details and a free trial session contact Pippa at pippa.couch@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website www.flipitasgymnasticsclub.co.uk.

**Lancing Rangers Football Club**
Lancing Rangers Football Club are looking to invite players to join them for the 2011/12 season and are holding a free open day on Saturday 9th July from 10.00 – 12.00 at Lancing Manor Leisure Centre (please wear shin pads and suitable footwear). They are seeking boys aged 5-16 and girls aged 5-10. All their coaches are Football Association qualified and all coaches, assistants and volunteers are CRB checked. For further details please contact Kia on 01903 530583 or just turn up on the day.

**Free Bikeability Training**
The West Sussex County Council Road Safety Team are offering free Level 2 Bikeability training from 25th – 29th July at Oak Grove College. The training is open to children aged 10 years and over and is run every day over the course of a week. For more details please contact Dean Pocock on 01243 777098 or Anjila Clark on 01903 839360.

**Diary Dates**

| **June 2011** | | |
|---|---|---|
| 20th June – 1st July | | Vale School's 2 Week Sport Event |
| Friday 24th June | | Summer Fayre donation day |
| Tuesday 28th June | 9.00 am | Years 5-7 Sports Day |
| Thurs 30th June | | INSET DAY (School closed for staff training) |
| Friday 1st July | | House mufti day |
| Tuesday 5th July | | Reports being sent home |
| Wed 6th July | 3.00-5.00pm | Visit classrooms and meet new teachers |
| Friday 8th July | 4.30-7.00pm | FOV Summer Fayre |

**SCHOOL TERM DATES**

**SUMMER TERM 2011**
Tuesday 26th April – Friday 22nd July 2011
Half term 30th May – 3rd June 2011

**AUTUMN TERM 2011**
Friday 2nd September – Friday 16th December 2011 (please note Friday 2nd September will be an in-service day)
Half term 24th – 28th October 2011

**SPRING TERM 2012**
Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 30th March 2012
Half term 13th – 17th February 2012

**SUMMER TERM 2012**
Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July 2012
Half term 4th – 8th June 2012

**AUTUMN TERM 2012**
Tuesday 4th September – Friday 21st December 2012
Half term 29th October – 2nd November 2012

**SPRING TERM 2013**
Monday 7th January – Thursday 28th March 2013
Half term 18th – 22nd February 2013

**SUMMER TERM 2013**
Monday 15th April – Wednesday 24th July 2013
Half term 27th – 31st May 2013

# Clubs – Summer Term 2nd Half

| Day | Club | Year groups | Location | Changing | Time | Run By | Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mon | **Karate** | All | Hall | Hall | 3:15- 4:15pm | Sama Karate Club | £3.50 p/session |
| | Netball | 5 | Playground | 7DD | 3.15-4.45pm | Mrs Daisley<br>A. Killip & H. Potiphar | None |
| Tues | Athletics | 5,6 and 7 | Field | Boys -6JT<br>Girls – 6NM | 3:15-4:15pm | Mrs Webb | None |
| | **Brazilian Football** | 4-7 | Gallops | Hall | 3:15-4:15pm | Matt Wiltshire | TBC |
| | Netball | 3/4 | Playground | 3/4AF | 3:15-4:15pm | Mrs Finch | None |
| Wed | Cricket | 5/6 | Playground | 6JT | 3:15-4:30pm | Mickey Demetriou | £3.50 p/session |
| | **Moon Valley Yoga** | R-3 | Hall | Hall | 3:15-3:45pm | Bridgette Blackman | £12 |
| | **Moon Valley Yoga** | 4-7 | Hall | Hall | 4-4:45pm | Bridgette Blackman | £16 |
| Thurs | Gymnastics | 3-7<br>(invited pupils ) | Hall | 5MS | 3:15-4:15pm | Mrs Scott | None |
| Friday | **Dance** | R-yr 3 | Hall | Hall | 3:15-4pm | Dani | £20 per half term |
| | **Dance** | 3-7 | Hall | Hall | 4-4:45pm | Dani | £20 per half term |
| | **Football** | 3 | Field | 3JV | 3.15-4.15pm | Jody Cuthbert<br>Graham Pinn | None |
| | **Spanish** | 3-4 | 4/3AF | N/A | 3:15-4:15pm | Tim Nicholls | TBC |

NB: You need to complete a school club form for all clubs you wish your child to attend
Clubs in bold also require a separate club letter to be completed and/or payment. Please see Mrs Allen in the office
Please fill in all letters/forms for each club regardless of whether your child has already attended last term.